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Group 2856PATENT  
Docket No. 59071US002**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): William BEDINGHAM et al. )	Group Art Unit: 2856
Serial No.: 10/734,717 )	Examiner: Robert R. Raevis
Confirmation No.: 2357 )	
Filed: 12 December 2003 )	
For: <u>VARIABLE VALVE APPARATUS AND METHODS</u>	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 17 July 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the amendments and remarks presented herein. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."